GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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USE OF REGIONAL LANGUAGES IN ANNOUNCEMENTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the announcements at all Airport terminals regarding the arrival and departures of Aircraft and the safety measures by the Cabin Crew inside the Aircraft are made only in English and Hindi;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to introduce announcements in regional languages particularly in Tamil;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

(a), (b) and (c):- Yes, Sir. Announcements by the airline staff at the airport and inflight announcements by the Cabin Crew are made in English and Hindi. However, the announcements at the airports are also made by the airlines in the local language of the State in which the airport is located, if it is not a Hindi speaking State. However, there is no proposal under consideration of the Government for making announcements in regional languages by Cabin Crew inside the aircraft in view of practical difficulties.

(d):- It is not practicable to deploy, in all flights, Cabin Crew who are proficient in various regional languages.